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► Green Party of Canada Leader Elizabeth May and deputy leader and former Montreal Canadiens and Edmonton Oilers forward Georges Laraque travelled from Edmonton to Calgary yesterday. See parties' responses to readers' questions, page 18-19.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

## It's greener on this side

With the election less than two weeks away, Elizabeth May was the first federal party leader to make a stop in Calgary yesterday. May, the leader of the Green Party of Canada, said she was surprised she was the first to hit Calgary. "Certainly it's a sign of respect and an appropriate thing for every federal party leader to visit Calgary," said May. "Maybe they will in the next two weeks."

# Ringette coach charged with sexual assault

► Alleged incidents reported to police by girl's parents on April 10  
► Hepburn has been a coach with Ringette Calgary about five years, according to group's president ► Accused has no previous record



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Members of Calgary's ringette community are reeling after learning a coach in the league has been charged with sexually assaulting a 13-year-old female player.

On April 18, the Calgary Police Service laid charges against Kelsea Joy Hepburn, 22, in relation to two alleged inappropriate incidents said to have occurred earlier this year.

Daren Gerlitz, co-coach of the Calgary Whoa, a U14 AA team, confirmed Hepburn was an assistant coach for the team and said athletes and their families were

informed of the situation Monday.

"My reaction? I guess it's tough to put into words," said Gerlitz. "I was taken aback. We hope the best for the family involved and it's just really, really unfortunate."

Gerlitz said he has a daughter on the team and, like the rest of the parents, he's trying to ensure the players have the support they need.

Ringette Calgary president Paul Geddes said all the coaches went through a police screening and Hepburn was not previously known to police.

"The reality is screening can't predict the future so we do have to, again, review our policies and

### Charges:

- Hepburn is facing two counts of sexual exploitation and one count each of sexual assault, sexual interference with a person under the age of 16 and invitation to sexual touching.
- Hepburn is expected to appear in court on May 4.

processes," he said. "For us, it's a real shock because ringette is a really small community ... Everyone knows everything so for us, this is a real surprise."



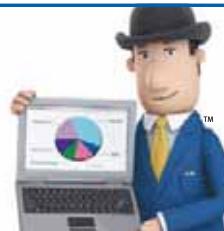
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## Cops take teens into custody after fight

Two young offenders were taken into custody yesterday afternoon when an altercation near a Forest Lawn high school resulted in about a dozen youth being exposed to pepper spray, according to police.

The incident that occurred near Jack James High School at around 1 p.m. started with a verbal argument between two groups of youths. EMS did go to the scene to treat several kids who were exposed to the pepper spray but none required hospitalization. Some of the kids involved were students at Jack James but classes were unaffected by the incident.

• METRO

## Board votes to close school

Some parents cheered while other jeered last night, as Calgary Board of Education trustees voted to close one school but saved the English program at another.

Roughly 70 students at Sir James Lougheed school will be forced to move as the board voted unanimously in favour of closing the more than 50-year-old school.

Meanwhile, Mayland Heights school was given a shot at boosting enrolment numbers as the board voted to save the kindergarten to Grade 6 English regular program.

• JEREMY NOLAIS



# CBE staffing cuts reduced

► Board approves resource allocation plan ► Roughly 200 school-based staff, 172 central service workers still slated to lose jobs



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Digging even deeper into reserve funds, Calgary Board of Education administrators announced last night they have saved 100 teaching jobs; however, hundreds of positions will still be lost.

The board of trustees voted unanimously last night to support a resource allocation method that projects the loss of roughly 200 school-based staff.

This projection was a slight improvement on a report released little more than 24 hours later that projected as many as 324 jobs were in jeopardy.

CBE chair Pat Cochrane was pleased that more jobs would be saved, but said the real problem lies in overall funding provided by the province.

“Everything we do is creating the things that we need as a province,” she said. “So ... disrupting the system and disrupting our focus, it just doesn’t make sense to me.”

Jenny Regal, executive director with Calgary Public Teachers, said she was “extremely impressed” with administration’s efforts, but added that much work remains.

“The long-range problem is still not fixed,” she said.

Principals will now determine how to use their staffing funds before a May 3 deadline.

The CBE board of trustees will vote on an official operating budget for the 2011-12 school year in June.

### Budget shortfall

The Calgary Board of Education’s total budget shortfall is projected to be \$61.7 million.

1 Of that, \$14.4 million will now be covered through cutbacks to the resource allocation plan.

2 Just four of seven school board trustees actually voted on the resource allocation method. Two cited conflicts of interest and one was not present.

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► Questions: 1) What is your full name, age and current occupation? 2) What is your past political experience? 3) What do you think is the biggest issue in your constituency? 4) What are you doing to get more people engaged in the election process?



# Election profile: Calgary Centre

## WILLIAM HAMILTON GREEN PARTY

1) William Hamilton. Age 41. Communications consultant.

2) This is my first run a federal politics but I have been a longtime transit advocate.

3) The big issue: It's time to get Ottawa back to the table and get cities to work.

4) I'm using old and new technology to get to voters. I am talking to people on street corners and going to doorsteps but also

using Twitter and putting campaign advertising on YouTube.

## JENNIFER POLLACK LIBERAL

1) Jennifer Pollock. Age 55. Lawyer.

2) I was elected three times to the Calgary School Board so I have served seven years as a trustee and two years as chair of the school board. I have also run two times as the Liberal federal candidate.

3) The biggest issue is

probably health care though democracy is running a close second.

4) We have about a thousand signs. So creating awareness through traditional ways: signs and door knocking. Social media is also a big part of my campaign and using video. We are putting out 30-second pieces of people talking about politics — not necessarily about their support for my campaign but about politics in general — and trying to increase participation that way.

## LEE RICHARDSON CONSERVATIVE

1) Lee Richardson, 63, MP and businessman.

2) First elected to House (Calgary South East) in 1988; was re-elected in 2004 for Calgary South and then in 2006 and 2008 to represent Calgary Centre. Prior to that, was deputy chief of staff in the Prime Minister's Office, and special adviser to the prime minister on Western affairs. From 1979 to 1983, was chief of staff to Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed. Also

parliamentary secretary to the ministers of Communications and Transport.

3) The economy and jobs; crime; homelessness and affordable housing. People are also concerned about post-secondary education for their children and making sure our seniors and veterans are looked after. As well, health care is important in Calgary Centre as well as across the country.

4) Relying on tried and true methods such as door-knocking, brochure drops

and signs as well as using newer communication tools such as website, emails, Twitter and Facebook.

Also work to engage voters and constituents in between elections with regular communications from my office at Parliament and trips back to Calgary almost every weekend.

## DONNA MONTGOMERY NDP

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► William Hamilton



► Jennifer Pollack



► Lee Richardson

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# Robber vaults to top of police priorities

► Police say 14 branches hit in Calgary, Ontario ► Reward offered for information leading to arrest and conviction



► The so-called Vaulter Bandit is seen at work in this image taken from a security camera.

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The Canadian Bankers Association is offering up a \$10,000 reward in hopes of getting the jump on a fleet-footed robber.

The individual, dubbed the "Vaulter Bandit" by Ontario police, is seen in two videos released yesterday calmly climbing over the counter of a bank, stealing money and leaving a trail of terrified employees and customers in his wake.

Police believe he

climbed over the counter and successfully robbed 10 banks in the Greater Toronto Area last year between February and September and used the same method to make off with cash from four Calgary banks in February. Police have not released the total amount of money stolen.

"It's not even banks that are robbed, it's people that are robbed," said Insp. Cliff O'Brien with Calgary's major crimes unit.

## Vaulter vitals

- Police said yesterday a firearm was spotted on the suspect in one of the four Calgary bank robberies.
- The "Vaulter Bandit" is described as Caucasian, 30-35, between five-foot-eight and five-foot-nine, pale with a slim build.

William Crate, director

of security for the Canadian Bankers Association, said typically his organization only offers a reward for assistance nabbing a suspect once a year.

Crate said counselling has been provided to employees confronted by the suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers.

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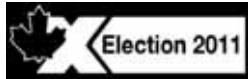
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# Dial M for misbehaving

## ► Liberal candidate says pranksters calling constituents



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A former MP battling to regain his seat in a hotly contested Winnipeg riding says unknown imposters are calling voters on behalf of the party and being rude in order to turn them off voting Liberal in the upcoming federal election.

Liberal candidate Ray Simard said yesterday he was out door-knocking in

### Campaign sabotage

Shenanigans on the campaign trail:

- A Liberal campaign worker in Brampton is charged with pilfering Conservative signs.
- Bull's-eyes are painted over a Liberal candidate's head on his signs in Ontario, causing a \$2,000 loss.

the St. Boniface riding Monday afternoon and was told by constituents they had been contacted by someone

representing the Liberals and were treated poorly.

Simard said similar calls have been reported to Liberal candidates in at least eight other Canadian ridings.

He suggested the calls may be orchestrated by the Conservatives, but admitted he had no proof. "It's part of the way these guys do business," he told Metro.

A spokesperson for Shelly Glover, the riding's Conservative MP, called Simard's comments "unfortunate," and denied Glover's camp had any involvement.



► NDP Leader Jack Layton fulfills one of his childhood dreams yesterday as he gives the weather report during a visit to the morning television show Canada AM.

## News in brief

### Layton cool with coalition

**RESISTANCE.** Jack Layton says he's open to some kind of coalition in the next Parliament if the Conservatives fall short of a majority.

But the NDP leader is quick to add the Bloc Québécois won't be part of any coalition cabinet or

government.

Although Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has shied away from the idea and Prime Minister Stephen Harper has tried to make "coalition" a dirty word, Layton says he sees nothing wrong with it.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Champlain Bridge is not falling down

**PRAYERS.** The Roman Catholic Church in Montreal is sending a message

to motorists as they approach the city's crumbling Champlain Bridge: Say Your Prayers.

The Archdiocese of Montreal hopes the catchy highway billboard will draw attention to the church and encourage people to fill up collection plates over Easter.

A spokeswoman for the archdiocese says there's nothing morbid about the ad because authorities have assured the public there is no danger the Champlain will suddenly collapse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Cause of death still unknown

**WEBCAM.** Toronto police say they still don't know what caused the death of a woman found dead in her apartment Friday near York University. Police say an autopsy on Qian Liu, 23, of Beijing, failed to show the cause and toxicology tests are still being done. Theories have been swirling since news broke that Qian was last seen via a webcam struggling with a man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Harper mum on minority 'what ifs'

Stephen Harper is refusing to say whether he'd stay on as Conservative leader if he fails to win a majority.

The prime minister says he won't take the bait on the question and insists he's campaigning to win.

Harper was in Thunder Bay, Ont., talking up the Tory plan to spend \$100 million on a fund to

support brain research and neuroscience.

He's hammering home the message that only a Conservative majority government can deliver on health-care funding and critical medical research.

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**"You know I'm not going to take the bite on that one ... We're in the election to win."**

STEPHEN HARPER, WHEN ASKED IF HE'D STAY ON IF DENIED A MAJORITY

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► At the College of Arms in London, a painter sketches the new coat of arms for Kate Middleton's family.

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# Security details unveiled

- Massive operation with 5,000 officers assigned for royal wedding
- Teams have been checking wedding route
- Will cost millions in OT

British police have rejected a request by a small band of radical Islamists to stage a protest outside Prince William and Kate Middleton's royal wedding venue April 29, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

Metropolitan Police assistant commissioner Lynne Owens said Muslims Against Crusades would not be allowed to demonstrate

outside Westminster Abbey and "ongoing discussions" were underway as to whether the group would be allowed to hold a protest nearby.

Police said they are also negotiating with the far-right English Defence League, which has said it plans to hold a shadow protest if the Muslim group's application was

successful.

Police yesterday released some details of their huge security operation for the wedding, saying 5,000 uniformed and undercover officers would be assigned to the event.

The wedding will be attended by a large collection of royals, politicians and VIPs including Queen Elizabeth II and about 50 other

heads of state. That poses a severe security challenge, especially since the royal entourage will use a parade route publicly announced several months ahead of time.

Police expect huge crowds to throng the parade route from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace.

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# Controlling air traffic on job or remote control?

► After many sleep on job, one air traffic controller caught watching film

An air traffic controller has been suspended for watching a movie when he was supposed to be monitoring aircraft, deepening the Federal Aviation Administration's embarrassment following at least five cases of controllers sleeping on the job.

In the latest incident, the controller was watching a movie on a DVD player early Sunday morning while on duty at a regional

**"None of us in this business can ... tolerate any of this. It absolutely has to stop."**

RANDY BABBITT, FAA ADMINISTRATOR

radar centre in Oberlin, Ohio, near Cleveland that handles high-altitude air traffic, the FAA said in a statement Monday.

The controller's microphone was inadvertently activated, transmitting the audio of the movie — the

2007 crime thriller *Cleaner*, starring Samuel L. Jackson — for more than three minutes to all the planes in the airspace that the controller was supposed to be monitoring, the agency said.

The controller's micro-

phone became stuck in the transmit position, preventing him from hearing incoming radio calls or issuing instructions to planes during the incident, the agency said.

The controller was alerted to the mishap when he was contacted by a military pilot.

Besides the controller, the FAA also has suspended a manager at the Oberlin centre. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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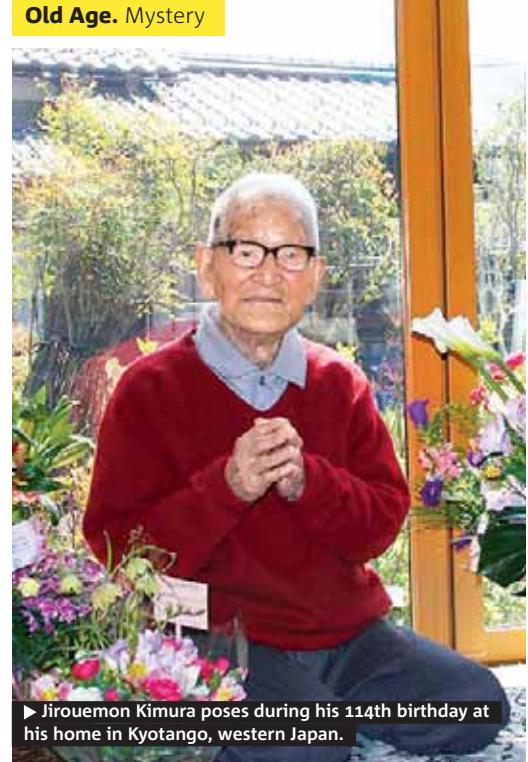
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**Old Age. Mystery**



► Jiroemon Kimura poses during his 114th birthday at his home in Kyotango, western Japan.

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**Don't worry, be thankful**

The world's oldest man said on his 114th birthday yesterday that his longevity was a mystery even to himself, but noted that his motto was not to worry and always be thankful. He celebrated at home with a breakfast of grilled fish with steamed rice and red beans.

**Serial rapist gets death penalty, appeals**

**116** Between 1993 and 2009, 46-year-old Dai Qingcheng raped 116 women.

eastern China, the China Daily reported.

The paper said he appealed to the Higher People's Court of Anhui, but did not say when the case would be heard.

Dai Qingcheng, 46, was given the death penalty in December for raping the women between 1993 and 2009 in Anhui province in

eastern China, the China Daily reported. The paper said he appealed to the Higher People's Court of Anhui, but did not say when the case would be heard. Dai usually preyed on the wives of migrant workers who had gone to bigger cities for work, the report said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

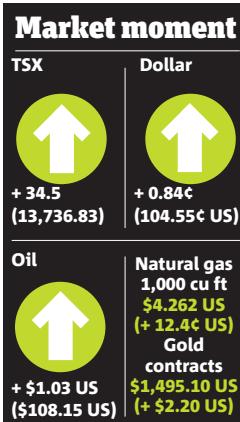
# Inflation spike, interest hike?

Almost everything cost more last month. If it's a trend, not a fluke, look for interest rates to follow suit

Canada's annual inflation rate, which had been bucking global trends, leaped to 3.3 per cent, with both the yearly reading and last month's measure rising by 1.1 points.

It was the biggest single-month jump in inflation since the eve of the 2008 recession, and was well above the consensus call for a 0.6 per cent gain.

The Bank of Canada's mandate is to keep inflation within a range of one to three per cent and as close as possible to two per cent. Last month's spike sharply increases prospects that consumers will see higher interest rates in the near future.



costlier compared to February and last year.

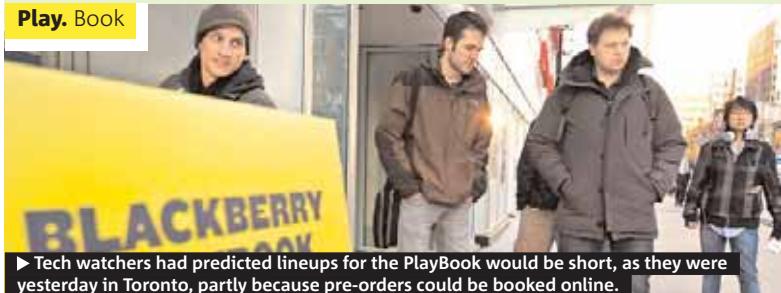
Statistics Canada said all eight of the major components it tracks were up, including food, which was 3.3 per cent higher than last year.

The only good news for the central bank is that core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as gasoline, remained well anchored at 1.7 per cent.

The bank gets one more look at inflation before it has to decide about interest rates on May 31. A lot will depend on whether prices, particularly the core that points to future inflation, breaches the two per cent target. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The price of commodities, especially oil, was a big part of the inflation surge, but almost everything was

Play. Book



► Tech watchers had predicted lineups for the PlayBook would be short, as they were yesterday in Toronto, partly because pre-orders could be booked online.

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## Far from the iPading crowd

A scattering of Research In Motion fans held an early morning vigil to be the first to get their hands on the company's PlayBook tablet, which launched yesterday. It was a stark contrast to the jostling crowds of tech geeks that awaited the debut of rival Apple's iPad 2 last month.

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To the people reading this column who believe any or all of the above, I have a bridge you might want to buy. It spans some unbelievably cheap land in Florida that is also for sale.

To Donald Trump, who is playing the "Obama is not an American" card to launch his U.S. presidential bid, I say shame on you. I didn't think you could sink much lower than *Celebrity Apprentice*, but apparently you're just getting warmed up.

So what if every credible news organization has verified that Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Aug. 4, 1961. The "birther" conspiracy theorists, a group entirely composed of rednecks from south of the Mason-Dixon Line (and opportunistic Republicans like the Donald) refuse to believe it.

They believe Obama was born in Kenya. Or held dual citizenship — British/Indonesian/Kenyan — whatever.

Even though Obama has produced a birth certificate from a Honolulu hospital, legal in every aspect, documenting his birth, Pshaw, say the birthers. If he was really born in Hawaii, he would be able to produce the long form — by implication, the real thing that can't be forged. But there was no long form in Hawaii. Obama's certificate is the only form, and it goes with a long string of other evidence: For example, birth notices in the local papers from the Hawaii Department of Health.

None of this cuts the mustard with the Donald, who has decided Obama needs to be fired.

And while mainstream Republicans are slowly backing away from Trump and his ridiculous allegations, the latest poll has him No. 2 among Republican hopefuls, below Mitt Romney, but above Mike Huckabee and Sarah Palin.

And he's on a roll, endorsed by *Celebrity Apprentice* contestant Gary Busey, who obviously doesn't care the boss is pandering to a blatant lie perpetrated by a bunch of racists who will do anything to get that black guy out of the Oval Office.

Ignorance is alive and well and living on cable. And it has a really bad comb-over.

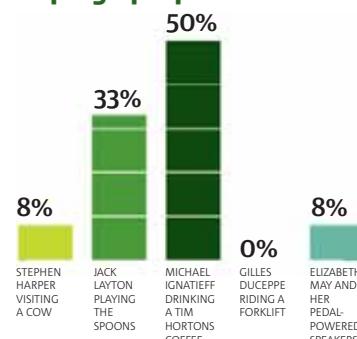
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## Letters

*Re: Are the Conservatives boycotting democracy?*

**CALGARY.** I was extremely disappointed last night at the candidates' debate held at the University of Calgary for my riding, Calgary-Nosehill. The disappointment did not come from the words I heard from the candidates that were present (Liberal, Green and NDP), but rather from seeing Diane Ablonczy's empty seat.

I was hoping to get to know all the candidates and hear their platforms so I could make an informed vote on May 2. From the reports and articles I have read, it seems that this type of behaviour by Conservative candidates has been nothing but the norm as Deepak Obhrai, Michelle Rempel and Devinder Shory have also been MIA. Where are the Conservative candidates? Do they not care about democracy?

The answer I get from my peers is, "Well, they know they are going to win, so they don't bother showing up." Is this true?

I am just disappointed, that's all.

REBECA ANDRADA

## Local tweets



► **@eliza boothy:** Feeling increasing rage that

► **@ElizabethMay:** Is the only party leader to visit #yye. Isn't Harper's riding here?

► **@elxn41:** Do we smell bad? #elxn41

► **@AnnaliseKlingbe:** I don't understand how, in the year 2011, #elxn41 candidates can have websites that have no contact information. #yye

► **@ATBCanada1:** Hey Calgary. I dare you to vote for a different party this election! Consider it an experiment, just to see if the sky falls down. #elxn41

► **@brethart:** For those living in Calgary, I'll be guest hosting Breakfast Television morning show next Tuesday. Eat your heart out, Regis!

► **@Lite959mornings:** Chuck E Cheese has a salad bar. First one I have seen in Calgary!

► **@McLeodOutLoud:** Layoff of Calgary teachers is nothing short of a crisis. Education is key to the future and it's not fair to expect schools to turn profits.

► **@jeremitis:** They are firing 500 teachers in #calgary next year. So much for our education system

## Cartoon by Michael De Adder



## WEIRD NEWS

### Their families must be so proud of them

The U.S. sheriff known for dressing inmates in pink underwear and feeding them green baloney is inviting people to choose the most popular jail booking photos posted on his website.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio allows online users to browse through the photos and then vote on their favourites that will be highlighted on a "Mugshot of the



► Nick Nolte mug shot from 2002.

Day" section.

The top picks so far aren't unexpected: They are the most dishevelled, unusual looking people among those booked into an Arizona jail.

Arpaio says he hopes the increased web traffic will highlight the work of his employees.

He also says more crimes may be uncovered if the public can view the photos.

The website is [www.mcsos.org](http://www.mcsos.org).  
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# Translating success

► Jessie J recorded 600 songs for debut CD ► Talks about school with Adele, writing songs for Miley Cyrus

Jessie J spent the last seven years crafting songs for her debut CD. And in that time she came up with a whopping 600 tracks.

"(It) isn't that many 'cause it's less than 100 a year," she said. "(There are) the bad ones that no one will ever hear ... (but) I was young and the thing is, you have to write the bad ones to kind of know when something is good."

Luckily, the 23-year-old found 13 songs good enough to make it on her first album.

Price Tag, which features rapper B.o.B, hit the Top 40 on the Billboard chart last week.

**B.o.B is the only artist on your debut. Why him?**

If I was a male rapper — which obviously I'm not — (but) if I was, I think I'd be like him, and maybe (be) called like J.o.B. ... I remember he got played the song, he loved it and I did like five plane journeys in like four days and chased him around the U.S. to make sure I was there (for the recording), so it was an experience.

**So you went to high school**

**"You have to write the bad ones to ... know when something is good."**

JESSIE J

**with Adele — how was that?**

She was in music and I was in musical theatre. ... We used to jam at lunch time and someone would play guitar and we both would just sing. ... At the time we both didn't know we'd have, like, albums out at the same time. And she's killing it. I'm so proud of her. ... (At school) she was very kind of loud and everyone knew her and she was the girl everyone loved and up for a laugh and you could hear her laugh from a mile down the corridor.

**Talk about writing Miley Cyrus' Party In the USA.**

That was my first week of writing after I signed to (Universal) Republic (Records), so it was like the first big kind of writing session for my debut album ... and it was one of the first songs we did. And I remember thinking this song is amazing, but I don't know if it's me 110 per cent, you know. You can kind of feel it. It was cool but it wasn't edgy enough.

**It was a big deal for Miley though.**

There are so many friends of mine that would say, 'I would never, ever, ever listen to Miley Cyrus, like, as Hannah Montana' and it kind of brought her over to another style.

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► Recording artist Jessie J, who won Critics' Choice at this year's Brit Awards, is hoping to find similar success in North America. 

## Making music



Jeff Bridges is working on a new album that will be his major-label debut. The Oscar-winning actor has signed with EMI's Blue Note Records and is working with his Crazy Heart collaborator T Bone Burnett on an album that will include original material and the work of other songwriters.

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MTV plans inaugural O Music Awards in Las Vegas to honour digital music and fans



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# The UK's world wide wedding

► Next Friday's royal wedding to be live streamed on YouTube ► Will feature live blog of wedding events

Palace officials will offer live streaming of the April 29 royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton on the royal channel on YouTube.

The four-hour live Internet coverage will include the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, the procession to Buckingham Palace, and the newlyweds' appearance on the palace balcony for an expected first public kiss.

William's press office will also provide a live blog providing commentary and historical information as well as additional footage.

"The couple wish to strike a balance between a day that is sacred and intimate and a day that will be a cause for global celebration," a St. James' Palace spokesman said yesterday, declining to be identified because of palace policy. "To that end, they want



► Prince William and his bride to be Kate Middleton walk together at RAF Cranwell, England.

the wedding to be as accessible to as many people as possible and that's why they are communicating in this way."

Officials said the couple have taken a hands-on approach the wedding planning.

William and Catherine have thoroughly enjoyed the process of creating

their special day. They have been responsible for everything from the smallest detail, such as the reception canapes, to the big decisions like the carriages," he added.

Officials said this will be the first time YouTube has run a live blog alongside a live stream for an event.

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from her Issa engagement dress to her Burberry trench. All she needs now is a little help piecing them together for her Royal day out.

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**T**he circus is a magical blend of drama, comedy, music and wonderful things you can't see at home, unless of course, you live next door to Bozo the Clown.

And that's why filmmakers look to the Big Top for inspiration. It's a naturally cinematic place with themes as flexible as sideshow contortionists who can touch their toes with the top of their heads. For instance, Charlie Chaplin mixed comedy and romance in his classic film The Circus, while Trapeze with Burt Lancaster is a three ring tragedy and Ten Weeks with a Circus is strictly for kids.

This weekend Water for Elephants, an historical drama starring Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon, takes us backstage at

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The most famous circus movie is probably The Greatest Show on Earth, Cecil B. DeMille's story of love, crime and clowns under the big top. Today the film—which was named one of the 100 Most Amazingly Bad Movies Ever Made by the Golden Raspberry folks—is most notable for making Charlton Heston a star and as the first movie that Steven Spielberg ever saw.

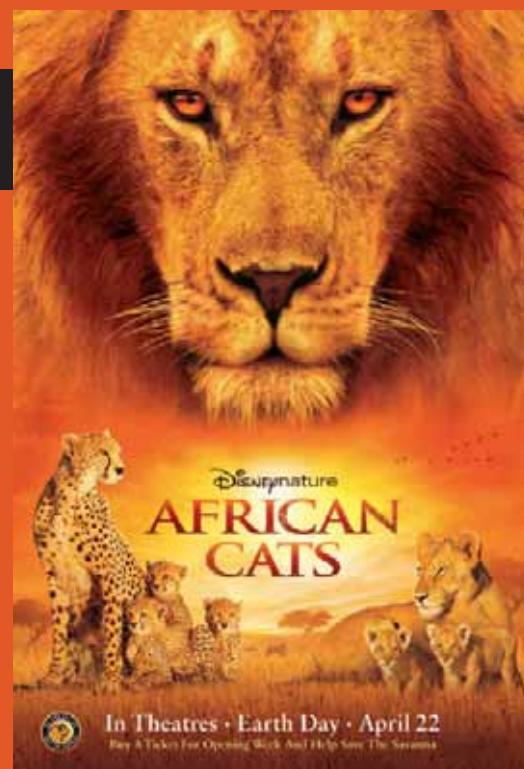
If DeMille's movie is the most famous circus movie, then Freaks is certainly the most notorious. Set in

the world of a funfair sideshow it features a cast primarily made up of actual carnival performers — like Elizabeth Green the Stork Woman and Prince Randian a.k.a. the Human Torso — to tell the story of a beautiful trapeze artist who agrees to marry a deformed sideshow performer for his money.

And speaking of sideshow attractions; these days Benicio Del Toro is known as a serious actor and Academy Award winner. That's a long way from his first role, human oddity Duke the Dog-Faced Boy in Big Top Pee-wee.



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# Lohan still has job offers

- ▶ Producer calls troubled star a 'great, great actress'
- ▶ Wants her for two projects

While the results of her upcoming felony grand theft trial are uncertain, Lindsay Lohan at least can take solace in the fact that she can still get work. Film producer Mark Fiore tells Radar Online that he's interested in the troubled actress for not one but two upcoming projects.

"I want Lindsay to be in Gotti and another movie that I'm producing," says Fiore, who serves as executive producer for Gotti: Three Generations.

"She's been very professional with me," he says. "People make mistakes. Look at so many other people in Hollywood."

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## Evan Rachel Wood: Into androgyny

Evan Rachel Wood is bisexual, she reveals to Esquire magazine.

"I grew up in love with David Bowie. So I was always into very androgynous things. Guys, girls ... I'm into androgyny in general," the 23-year-old actress says, adding that she behaves differently on a date depending on the other person.

"I'm more kind of like the guy when it comes to girls. I'm the dominant one ... I'm opening the doors, I'm buying dinner. Yeah, I'm romantic." ● METRO



► Evan Rachel Wood



### Celebrity tweets



"It's tough sharing a birthday with Kourtney Kardashian. Our friends never know which party to go to."



@ConanOBrien "What if everyone's Twitter picture was of them flipping the bird. Maybe for a couple days. Maybe forever. Meant well or not. Just fun no?"



"Ghosts are scary especially when they get in bed with you!"



@jimmykimmel "When did a homeless person standing on a corner in a Statue of Liberty costume become the official mascot of tax day?"

@DaveJMatthews



"What if everyone's Twitter picture was of them flipping the bird. Maybe for a couple days. Maybe forever. Meant well or not. Just fun no?"

## Sheen's ex Denise offers help

As Charlie Sheen has fought to get his twin sons back after ex-wife Brooke Mueller's recent drug troubles, he's found an unlikely ally: his previous ex-wife, Denise Richards, whom he's been badmouthing on his Violent Torpedo of Truth tour.

Richards reportedly offered to step in and take care of the boys while Sheen tours and Mueller heads to rehab, according to TMZ.

Sheen reportedly responded with a simple, "I'll keep you posted."

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## REALITY, NOT RHETORIC: CALGARIANS THINKING LOCAL

Catchwords or catchphrases often become the vernacular by which elections — federal, provincial or municipal — are defined.

We hear politicians talk of accountability, transparency, fiscal responsibility, democracy, contempt, contracts and coalitions, but what does it really mean? Yes, this is important to some — those perhaps wishing to assume power — but for most it's a game of inside political baseball few of us wish to play.

Instead, I like to think Calgarians are concerned about issues that affect the vitality of their cities and their livelihoods, and that they look past those clichés that tend to grab headlines.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi has publicly stated he'd like to see city issues play a more integral part on the election trail, but it's difficult to state your case when you can't attract the major political party leaders — let alone candidates — to your city.

This isn't because Calgary isn't a major player, but rather because it appears to most that the representation is a forgone conclusion.

This means no frank discussion about funding for public transit or Calgary infrastructure (roads, interchanges, airport tunnel) while our city continues to burst at the seams, struggling with the growth resulting from an economy that has propelled the country's fiscal fortunes for the past number of years.

We also keep a close eye on how the federal leaders campaign abroad on the oilsands and environmental stewardship. The slightest deviation in national policy reverberates throughout this province's oil and gas industry, leaving some with a sense of uneasiness over jobs and futures.

Crime and safety are always at the forefront for Calgarians; safety in our city cultivates a sense of community and pride. We want our government to strike a balance between realistic punishments for heinous crimes and addressing the root cause of violence in our communities.

And with these issues, we expect them to find a balance with the watchful eye of fiscal prudence ... cliché as it may be.

When it comes time to mark an "X" on the ballot, Calgarians will cast their vote for the federal candidate that sees civic issues as priorities equal to national ones. This is the foundation on which successful countries are built.

► Metro readers submitted questions for the five parties ► Here's what they had to say ...



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**Many immigrants to Canada are encouraged and allowed to move here based on their professional experience or credentials, only to discover once they arrive that their credentials are not recognized. What role should the federal government play in addressing this problem?**



► Stephen Harper

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In 2009, we invested \$50 million over two years ... to streamline the recognition process in a number of important occupations and made it easier for foreign-trained Canadians to use their skills and expertise in Canada. But some foreign-trained workers still have difficulty paying for ... the foreign credential recognition process. A re-elected Stephen Harper Government will provide bridge loans to help recent immigrants pay for the training and skills upgrading needed for their foreign credentials to be recognized.

2

**Other G8 countries have national transit strategies, but in Canada federal investments in public transit tend to be ad hoc, which many big-city mayors have argued leads to worse planning and less efficient spending. Does Canada need a national transit strategy, and if so, what should it look like?**

In the past two years alone, we have worked with municipal and provincial partners to undertake more than 28,500 projects, many transit-related from coast-to-coast. A re-elected Stephen Harper Government will continue to support Canadian communities according to their unique needs. We introduced the transit tax credit to encourage Canadians to take public transit, reducing traffic in major city centres.

3

**According to Statistics Canada, the crime rate has been declining since the early 1990s, yet concern about crime in urban areas seems to be on the rise. How do you reconcile this discrepancy?**

We have passed a number of pieces of legislation to protect the vulnerable and to hold criminals accountable. We have also invested in youth gang prevention and other initiatives to encourage Canadians to stay clear of criminal activities. A re-elected Conservative government will build on our strong record by enacting legislation to end the sentence discount for child pornography and child sex offenders and toughening penalties for elder abuse.

4

**According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, only \$8 of every \$100 Canadians spend on taxes goes to cities, yet cities are struggling to pay for infrastructure, policing, housing and many of the government services city residents actually interact with most on a day-to-day basis. What changes are required to ensure cities are sufficiently funded?**

In 2008, Stephen Harper's Conservative government permanently doubled the gas tax fund. This major step forward for municipalities is providing a stable and predictable source of revenue for the renewal of local infrastructure. A re-elected Conservative Government will introduce legislation to confirm this permanent funding for municipal infrastructure through the gas tax fund.

5

**A century ago only 20 per cent of Canadians lived in urban areas. That number has now increased to 80 per cent (or more than 25 million Canadians). What is your party's vision for the role of cities within the Canadian federation, now and into the future?**

Cities are vitally important to Canada's economic success. Our government understands that. A re-elected Stephen Harper Conservative government will continue to work effectively with all levels of government to deliver historic investments in local infrastructure, including better highways, roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, housing, college and university facilities, public transit, and green energy.

# THEY ANSWERED



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► Michael Ignatieff

## LIBERALS

The federal government must do a better job screening and advising prospective immigrants on credential recognition before they leave their countries of origin. Improving credential recognition and the integration of new Canadians into the workforce requires a renewed effort between governments, professional groups, educational institutions, sector councils and unions. We will provide leadership and make this a priority.



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► Jack Layton

## NDP

A New Democrat government would take a leadership role to move toward a fair, efficient, transparent and accountable immigration system. In conjunction with provinces and licensing authorities, we will accelerate and streamline the recognition of foreign credentials, overseas degrees, and previous employment experience. To assist with community integration and English and French language programs, we will reinstate federal funding for the settlement programs for new Canadians.



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► Elizabeth May

## GREENS

The Green party finds fault with the current accreditation system. We would eliminate the valuation of foreign credentials for immigration purposes except in those cases where such credentials are recognized in Canada, or a clear, expeditious path to accreditation is established, and in place establish realistic criteria for immigrants based on existing job opportunities. We would also press professional societies to remove unnecessary barriers hindering the recognition of valid professional credentials.



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► Gilles Duceppe

## BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

The evaluation and the recognition of credentials is Quebec's and the other provinces' responsibility. Quebec is, to a certain extend, autonomous in terms of immigration. Unfortunately, the actual agreement with the federal government doesn't allow us to put forward all the values that characterize Quebec. The only way Quebec will be able to deploy a more efficient and human politic is by getting a hold of the means sovereign countries can count on, like embassies and consulates.

A Liberal government will work with other levels of government and the private sector to put in place a Canadian transportation and infrastructure strategy. Liberal infrastructure priorities will include local and regional transit, rapid transit, and commuter rail that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as high-speed rail in regions where rapid, convenient connections between major urban centres promise environmental benefits, enhanced mobility, and decreased congestion.

Yes. Because Canada is the only OECD country that does not have a national public transit strategy, New Democrats tabled the National Public Transit Strategy Act, which outlines a practical plan for providing sustainable, predictable, public transit investments. New Democrats have also promised to allocate an additional cent of the existing gas tax to public transit funding for municipalities and to encourage transit use by providing a tax exemption for employee workplace-based transit passes.

The Green party of Canada's position is that we must adopt a national transit strategy that strengthens our rail network and public transit systems in order to have a competitive, modern economy. We are committed to providing cities with the resources to create public transit systems that reduce congestion. We are also committed to ensuring all of Canada's cities have access to rail connections, and develop high-speed corridors between frequently travelled routes.

The Bloc Québécois is in favour of discussions to be held across Canada to put in place a frame, which could allow the adoption of politics that are compatible. However, such discussions should not be used as an excuse by the federal government to interfere in Quebec's jurisdiction and, by doing so, double the politics, double the expenses and complicate the legislation.

Crime is always a serious problem. We need evidence-based crime policies that are tough on crime where we need tougher sentences, but also strong on crime prevention. What we don't need is to import failed crime policies from the United States. If we want to be tough on crime, we must be tough on guns. The gun registry is supported by Canada's police force as well as countless organizations in women's health and safety because it improves public safety.

To improve public safety on the streets of our communities ... New Democrats will provide stable, permanent funding to put at least 2,500 new police officers on the streets and increase federal support for crime prevention initiatives from \$65 million to \$100 million per year. We will give parents, teachers and police more tools to protect our children by making gang recruitment illegal and create new, standalone offences for home invasions and car-jackings.

We believe the current rise in concern over crime is directly linked with the federal government's fixation on the subject and its \$9 billion spent on new prisons. Still, even with the crime rate going down, we would all like to feel safer. We are committed to further reducing crime through better programs in youth activity and early childhood education. We are committed to addressing underlying causes of crime such as poverty, racism, and inequality.

Since it came into power, the Conservative government has ... adopted an alarmist rhetoric in regards to criminality. It is true that the fight against crime is important, but we have to remember that crime rates have been going down in Quebec and in Canada for nearly 15 years. The Bloc Québécois suggests concrete and efficient legislative measures to protect vulnerable people, particularly children and victims of human trafficking.

We will maintain the successful gas tax transfer to municipalities and provide additional funds. A lack of affordable housing in large cities is a growing barrier to young families of modest incomes looking for their first home. We will increase the federal investment in affordable housing by \$550 million, and work with cities to put in place a renewed affordable housing framework to reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.

In addition to increased funding for public transit, New Democrats will continue current federal infrastructure funding commitments and invest in community-controlled renewable energy development. In addition to restoring the affordable housing programs the Harper government allowed to expire, we will fund 100,000 new child-care spaces and provide around \$1 billion a year for new affordable housing.

In our 2011 election platform, the Green party announced a slate of initiatives of long-term investments in municipalities and housing. That slate includes a national affordable housing program, a national solar roof program, and energy retrofits for municipal buildings, schools, universities and hospitals, growing to more than \$1.6 billion annually by Year 3. An additional \$2.4 billion of permanent annual funding has been allocated for six municipal superfunds beginning in the first year.

The Bloc Québécois proposed that the investments in infrastructures be modified to take into account the different governments' ability to pay. The federal government would pay for 50 per cent of the expenses, Quebec and the provinces would pay for 35 per cent, while the municipalities would pay for 15 per cent. That reflects the capacity to pay of everyone. The Bloc Québécois asks the federal government to regroup its programs under one unique and unconditional transfer fund.

We view the cities as equal partners. The previous Liberal government made the most important contribution to municipal public finance in a generation through its 2005 New Deal for Cities and Communities. A new Liberal government will build on that progress. We will be a strong federal partner, working with our cities on the next generation of transit infrastructure and affordable housing.

Canada's cities must be regarded as important resources in Canada's future economy. Jack Layton is determined to increase investment in cities, including an extra cent of the gas tax — \$500 million a year — for public transit. He understands the important role these communities play in our country's overall economy and is committed to seeing there is a place at the negotiating table for cities.

We believe that cities form a pillar of the green economy. When municipalities set out to build and repair infrastructure, retrofit and rebuild affordable housing, and modernize our aging public transit over decades, it's a decades-long commitment. Their decisions now will decide what kind of an economy we will have for the next 50 years. We hope to work with our cities to lead Canada to a sustainable future.

Large cities have more and more responsibilities. We ask that the federal government participate in the fight against poverty by reinvesting in affordable and safe social housing. We also wish it would support the Quebec government in the development of infrastructures for transit systems, notably by establishing reserved lanes for common transportation and by developing new commuter train lines.

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## life

## Egg History



Did you know that since ancient days, the egg has been the symbol of new life? Even before it became entwined with the Christian Easter, eggs were used by Romans, Chinese, and Egyptians in rite-of-spring festivals as a way to celebrate the dawn of a new season. **NEWS CANADA**



There are many ways to decorate eggs. Here's some simple ideas to kick it up a notch.

# This Easter, satisfy everyone's sweet tooth

► One of these recipes is more traditional, while the other uses some innovative thinking



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This Easter, think outside the pie plate and celebrate the holiday with the trendiest innovation in pie-baking in decades.

Pocket pies are tasty, colourful and easy as pie to make. These miniature homemade treats are sure to delight all ages.

## Apple Pocket Pies

### Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove pie shells from freezer and let thaw at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes.
- In a bowl, combine apples, sugar, cinnamon and flour. Set aside.
- Remove pie shells from foil onto a clean, flat, lightly floured surface. If

### Ingredients:

- 2 frozen deep dish pie shells
- 250 ml (1 cup) peeled and finely chopped Granny Smith apples
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sugar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk

cracks appear in the pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.

- Using an oval egg-shaped cookie cutter that's 7 by 10 cm (2 3/4 by 4 inches), cut out 6 egg shapes from each pie shell. Set aside any leftover dough.

- Divide filling mixture evenly among 6 cutouts, mounding in centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) border. Top with remaining cutouts. Gently press edges together

and crimp with a fork.

- Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until pastry is golden.

**Decorating tips:** Use any leftover dough to cut shapes to decorate top. Brush with milk or egg wash to affix to pie and bake as directed above. Decorate pies with multi-coloured sprinkles by brushing top with milk or egg wash, adding sprinkles and bake.

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### Chocolate Bunnies

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coated with cooking spray. Cool completely.

- Using large circle cookie cutter, small circle cookie cutter and rabbit head cookie cutter coated with cooking spray, cut cereal mixture into shapes. For each rabbit, attach one rabbit head shape to top of large circle shape with frosting. Attach one small circle for tail to each. Decorate with frosting and/or candies.

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Chocolate Bunnies are a staple Easter treat. These ones are perfect for kid participation. Let your little ones measure ingredients, use cookie cutters to shape the treats, and decorate.

### Preparation:

- In saucepan melt chocolate morsels and butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal and stir until coated.

- Using buttered spatula evenly press mixture into 15 x 10 x 1-inch (38 x 25 x 2.5 cm) baking sheet

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250mL) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 3 tbsp (45mL) butter or margarine
- 1 pkg (10 oz) marshmallows, about 40 or 4 cups (1 L) miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups (1.5 L) rice crisp cereal
- Frosting or decorating gel
- Assorted candies



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# Europe in North America

► If you can't afford to head across the Atlantic, visiting Quebec City is a good alternative ► Find charm and history in one of North America's oldest cities ► There are plenty of great B&Bs and fine dining options



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If the thought of jumping the pond to Europe sounds exciting, yet the price slightly overwhelming, then consider packing your bags and heading to the capital of Quebec. Over 400-years-old and the only walled-in city remaining in North America, Quebec City exudes a character and romance reminiscent of Europe. Find out just how easy it is to have an affordable getaway with a French flair.

## Historical Sites

As one of the oldest cities in North America, this destination is brimming with historic landmarks, the most notable being Old Quebec, a designated UNESCO world heritage site. Other treasures include the Parliament Building, architecturally inspired by the Louvre, the historic urban park of the Plains of Abraham and the fortifications that surround the old city. Plus you'll keep your budget in check, as many of the historic sites are free of charge.

## Divine Dining

Follow the lead of the French and dine at a restaurant that focuses on fresh, local ingredients. For a memorable meal try Le Patriarche in Old Quebec with dishes inspired

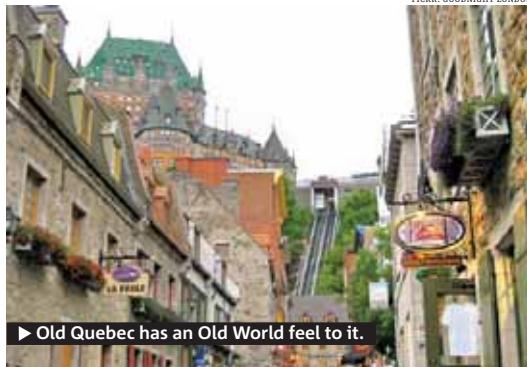


► Musée National des Beaux-Arts at night.

by the province including their signature wild game trilogy and desserts created by their in-house pastry chef. It's a true French dining experience worth the splurge.

## Sweet Sleeps

From quaint B&Bs to the iconic Château Frontenac, it's easy to find accommodations with old-world charm. Perched on a cape overlooking the St. Lawrence River, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is a 618-room luxury hotel in Old Quebec offering award-winning cuisine and a full-service spa and health club. Established in 1832 by an Irish settler, Hayden's Wexford House is a quaint bed and break-



► Old Quebec has an Old World feel to it.

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## Fun Freebies

Strolling along Rue St. Paul, climbing the Rue de

la Montagne and exploring the main collection at the Musée National des Beaux-Arts, you'll find there is much to do in the city without spending a penny. Try a guided tour through the 17th century Notre-



► Taking a stroll in beautiful Quebec City.

Dame de Quebec Basilica-Cathedral or talk a short drive to view the stunning Montmorency Falls, one-and-a-half times higher than Niagara Falls.

## Money-Saving Ideas:

- Picnic in the Park. Do like the French and head to the market for fresh fruit, a baguette and artise-

nal cheeses for a simple, yet delicious outdoor meal.

- Plane or Train. Ditch the car and save on gas. The spring is a great time to get a travel deal too.

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# What does the big cheese need?

► All bosses are definitely not created equal, but thank goodness there some things they all want in a worker

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Understanding what makes your corporate overlord tick is a near-impossible pursuit in an Internet era, when office politics are conducted via gChat and your boss more often lurks on the other side of a screen than the other side of a desk.

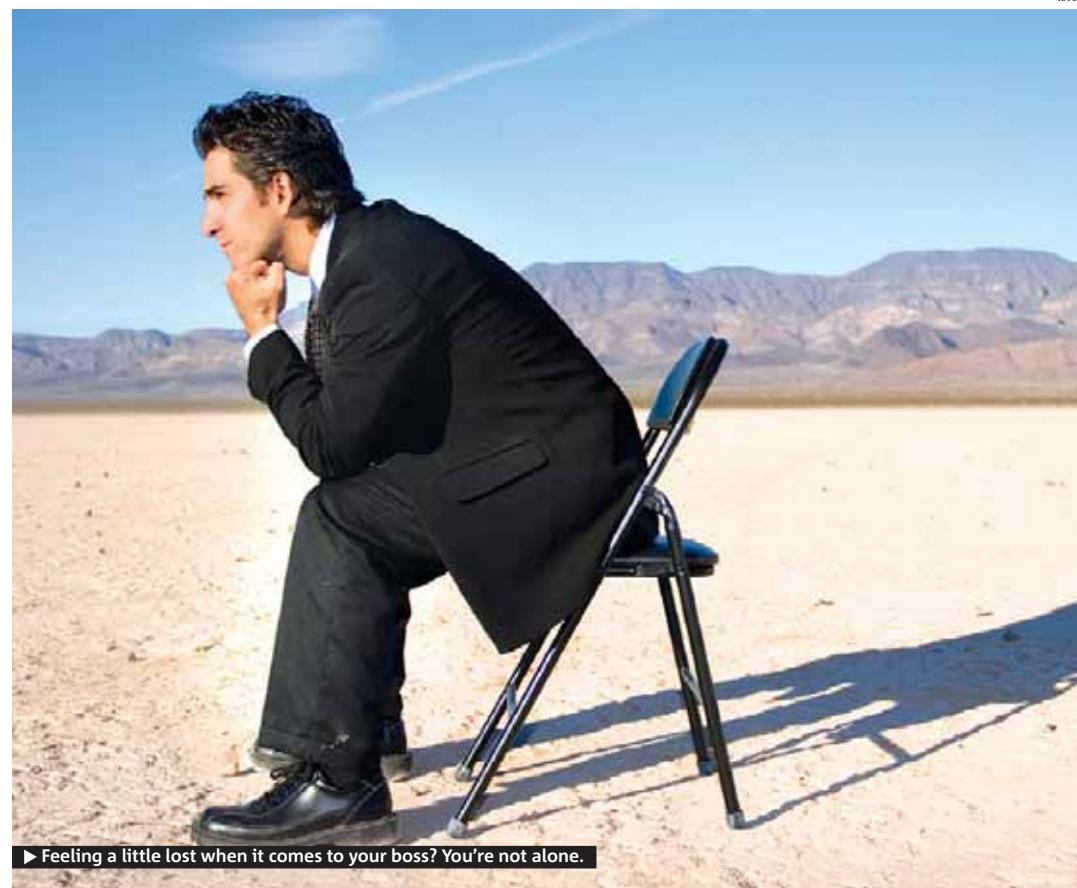
But if you're struggling to make good with the new somebody you've got to serve, we've got career counsellors to help us understand four things all bosses want.

#### A Sense of Priorities

"A common mistake that entry-level workers make is that they're focused on their work and see that as their priority," New York-based Executive Coach Barbara Frankel notes. "What they don't understand is that their first priority is their boss's priority."

Figuring out what the bigwig upstairs cares about might necessitate asking around, says Donna Flag, a career coach. Don't be hesitant to raise the question early on.

"I recommend that



► Feeling a little lost when it comes to your boss? You're not alone.

people, even in the interviewing process, ask, 'What are you looking for? What matters to you?' she suggests.

**Open Ears**  
"In the beginning, you want to listen more than

you talk," says Lindsay Pollack, a Generation Y Career Blog writer.

Many fresh hires, she adds, come in thinking the opposite.

"Most people think they have to walk in and deliver results immediately," Frankel agrees. "The right way to approach a job is to listen and learn."

If you have observations, she says, jot them down. Six months from now they might be worth considering.

#### Interested in We, Not I

Newbies who come in trying to prove themselves often undermine themselves by boasting of their past accomplishments.

Bragging is a great way to spoil your reputation from day one, says Jane Cranston career counselor.

"At a business meeting you should say, 'Am I talking about me? Or am I talking about business,'" she cautions. "Because this isn't about you."

#### Subtle Respect

"All bosses think that because they're a boss, they deserve respect," Flag warns. "Be sensitive to that. Convey a sense of respect."

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# Got a case of stress?

► Getting closer and closer to the breaking point? ► Take a step back

If you keep slogging harder days and longer hours, career counsellors warn you will discover a source of inner energy you never knew you had: your snapping point.

Strange things happen to good people when they reach that limit: Cool heads detonate, steel nerves melt, grown adults mature backward through time. Unless you want to find out what thermonuclear breakdowns you are capable of staging, get a handle on your workload before you fly off it.

"One of the basic feelings behind being overworked is a lack of control, like you're no longer in the driver's seat," says Christiane Turnheim, a career guru and psychology professor. "When you feel that way, try to get back in control



► Remember: Chances are, you won't even remember this crazy day five years from now.

of your work. See if there's a possibility to re-structure or delegate

some of it."

A roomier deadline, she notes, can ease you back

toward sanity. So can a roomier workplace – like a public library or a street-side bistro.

"Changing your job location can really work," Barbara Glanz, author of Care Packages for the Workplace, says.

**If you can't change your workplace – change something about the one you're in.**

"Put a picture on your desk of whoever the person is whose life is going to be better because of the work you do," Glanz offers. "Do that to remind you that you're doing this for a bigger purpose."

Every engine needs a rest, she adds. Don't be afraid to idle yours.

"Take a five minute vacation," she recommends. "Go to the washroom and go the Bahamas for five minutes."

"You can do anything you want in your head," she continues.

#### Treat Yourself

"When you're energy is low, go buy yourself a treat," Glanz encourages. "Have fun with it. Send yourself some flowers."

A catastrophic day is likely to fade into tomorrow's distant memory if your after work agenda includes "a healthy diet, lots of sleep, and exercise," Turnheim advises.

"Have a balance in life," she says. "Eat a lot of fruit." □ DREW HINSHAW

# WAIT, DID I JUST RESIGN?

#### Workplace Law

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having resigned.

Instead of speaking with her employer, Beggs hired a lawyer who accused Westport of firing her in an insensitive manner, referring to the medical evidence that the company had not yet been aware of. In response, Westport maintained that Beggs had resigned.

The British Columbia Court of Appeal recently sided with Beggs. It found that before the lawyers were involved, there was a genuine misunderstanding on Westport's part of Beggs' intentions and the reasons for her absence from work. However, when Westport's lawyer maintained that Beggs had quit her job, despite seeing medical evidence showing that she was ill, Westport effectively fired her, ruled the court, even though it had not intended to.

Seldom do sincerity and intentions sway judicial favour in a lawsuit. Often the courts focus on what did, or did not, occur. Here, Beggs found herself in the "twilight zone" somewhere between having abandoned her job and having been fired.

Although she won her case, by following these simple steps, the confusion could have been avoided:

- Immediately protest a characterization that there has been a resignation, if you didn't intend to resign.
- Resist taking any steps that can be construed as voluntarily withdrawing from the workplace, as difficult as that may be.

The full article can be read online at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)



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# Keeping students interested

► Research shows that a non-interactive classroom environment can be especially hard on young learners

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All students are motivated by some activities; in schools, student motivation is deeply affected by what happens in classrooms.

Research drawn from several fields suggests ways we can improve students' engagement and motivation.

- Relevance – Building on students' interests and making the lessons relevant to students' lives and what they already know are good practices.

- Choice – Giving students more choices in their learning, both about what to study and about how to present what they know and can do, makes learning more interesting and heightens curiosity.

- Recognizing Effort – Success is a big spur to further effort. Students' motivation increases when their efforts and contributions are consistently valued.

## More info

► For more information on the research references that inform this issue, visit [cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education](http://cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education).



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Parents are valuable partners in the learning process. They can support their child's learning by suggesting strategies to teachers that they have observed to be successful at home. This will help teachers meet the child's learning needs.

Teachers and parents support their children's learning when they praise effort and hard work rather than intelligence.

There is growing evidence that children's intelligence is not fixed, and the children who do best are those who develop "growth mindsets" so that they are prepared to put in the effort to succeed.

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# Celtics hold on to beat Knicks

Kevin Garnett sank the go-ahead basket with 14 seconds left, then stole the ball as the Boston Celtics overcame Carmelo Anthony's 42 points and beat the depleted New York Knicks 96-93 to take a 2-0 lead in their playoff series on last night.

The Knicks played the entire second half without Amare Stoudemire, who

had back spasms. Chauncey Billups missed the game with a sore left knee.

Garnett hit the decisive jump hook after backing Jared Jeffries into the lane. The Knicks then got the ball to Anthony in the left corner, where he was double-teamed by Paul Pierce and Glen Davis. Anthony

passed inside to Jeffries, but Garnett stole the ball and called timeout with four seconds remaining.

The Knicks then fouled Delonte West, who made two free throws with 0.6 seconds to go.

Rajon Rondo led the Celtics with a career play-off-high 30 points.

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► The Celtics Ray Allen and the Knicks Jared Jeffries reach for a loose ball in Boston last night.

# Hawks dominant in avoiding sweep

► Chicago finally figure out Luongo, scoring seven goals on 28 shots

Dave Bolland returned to the Chicago lineup after missing 17 games with a concussion and had a goal and three assists last night as the defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks avoided being swept, routing the Vancouver Canucks 7-2.

Vancouver still leads 3-1 in the first-round series that heads back to the Rogers Arena for Game 5 tomorrow night.

Chicago's Patrick Sharp scored two power-play goals in a chippy final period that featured pushing, shoving, jawing and a fight between Vancouver's Kevin Bieska and Chicago's Victor Stalberg.

The Blackhawks got an offensive lift from their defencemen as Brian

7	2
HAWKS	CANUCKS

Campbell and Duncan Keith scored 17 seconds apart in a four-goal second period.

Bryan Bickell had a goal 1:43 into the game as Chicago finally solved Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo, who may have been shaken up making a save late in the opening period.

He was pulled in the final period.

Michael Frolik scored on a breakaway after a pass from Bolland to give Chicago a 5-1 lead in the second.

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► Bryan Bickell of the Chicago Blackhawks scores on Roberto Luongo of the Vancouver Canucks in the first period last night.

# NHL signs 10-year deal with NBC, Versus

The National Hockey League has opted to stick with NBC and Versus as its U.S. broadcasters in a 10-year deal reportedly worth about \$2 billion U.S.

Neither commissioner Gary Bettman nor NBC Sports chairman Dick

**\$930M** The NFL takes in more than \$2 billion per year, while the NBA gets about \$930 million per season.

Ebersol gave financial terms of the contract, but

the Sports Business Journal reported it would bring in about \$200 million per season.

Bettman called it "the most significant U.S. media rights partnership in the league's history."

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## Sports in brief

### Canadians earn semifinal bye

**TENNIS.** The singles champions at Wimbledon this year will each receive 1.1 million pounds (\$1.7 million), a 10 per cent increase from last year. The total prize fund for the 125th championships is going up by 6.4 per cent to 14.6 million pounds (\$22.7 million).

### Wimbledon prize increases

**SWITZERLAND.** The Canadian women's hockey team secured first place in their pool and a bye to Saturday's semifinals in Zurich with a 2-0 win over Finland at the world championship yesterday.

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## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

## CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)

(Washington leads 2-1)

## Tonight's game

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

## Saturday's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.

## Monday, April 25

x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

## Wednesday, April 27

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA

## Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)

(Philadelphia leads 2-1)

## Monday's result

Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 2

## Tonight's game

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

## Friday's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday's game

x-Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 26

x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA

x-played only if necessary.

(Detroit leads 3-0)

Monday's result

Detroit 4 Phoenix 2

## Tonight's game

Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

## Friday's game

x-Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.

## Sunday's game

x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA

## Wednesday, April 27

x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA

Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)

(Nashville leads 2-1)

## Tonight's game

Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.

## Friday's game

Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

## Sunday's game

x-Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 26

x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA

x-played only if necessary.

## BLACKHAWKS 7, CANUCKS 2

## First Period

1. Chicago, Bickell 1 (Frolík, Bolland) 1:43

2. Vancouver, Salo 1 (Edler, Raymond) 4:46 (pp)

## Penalties

— Bolland Chi (elbowing) 3:39, Keith

Chi (cross-checking) 5:37.

## Second Period

3. Chicago, Campbell 1 (Kane, Crawford) 5:18

4. Chicago, Keith 2 (Frolík, Bolland) 5:35

5. Chicago, Bolland 1, 14:45

6. Chicago, Frolík 1 (Bolland, Hjalmarsson) 18:57

## Penalties

— Vancouver bench (too many men; served by Torres) 3:06, Ehrhoff Vcr (interference) 16:24.

## Third Period

7. Chicago, P Sharp 2 (Kane, Toews) 2:49 (pp)

8. Chicago, P Sharp 3 (Hossa, Campoli) 13:21 (pp)

9. Vancouver, D.Sedin 4 (Ehrhoff, Kesler) 16:24 (pp)

## Penalties

— Lapierre Vcr (boarding) 2:14,

Lapierre Vcr, Scott Chi (misconduct), Hansen

Vcr (boarding), Glass Vcr (roughing, misconduct), Campoli Chi (roughing) 4:05, Oreskovich

Vcr (misconduct) 7:58, Burrows Vcr, Toews Chi

(roughing) 12:09, Edler Vcr (charging) 13:09,

Torres Vcr, Scott Chi (misconduct) 15:25, Bieksa

Vcr, Stalberg Chi (fighting), Hjalmarsson Chi

(roughing) 16:20, Johnson Chi (roughing) 17:56,

Lapierre Vcr (unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:23.

## Shots

Vancouver 7 6 10 —23

Chicago 13 13 9 —35

## Goal (shots-saves) — Vancouver: Luongo (1,3-1-0) (28-22), C.Schneider (4:05 third) (7-6);

Chicago: Crawford (W,1-3-0). Power plays

(goals-chances) — Vancouver: 1-4; Chicago: 2-6.

Referees — Brad Meier, Dan O'Rourke. Lines-

men — Jean Morin, Derek Nansen.

Att. — 21,757 (19,717) At Chicago

## MONDAY

## RED WINGS 4, COYOTES 2

## First Period

1. Detroit, Salei 1 (Helm, Kronwall) 1:57

2. Detroit, Miller 1 (Kronwall) 2:41

## Penalties

— Eaves Det (roughing), Aucoin Pho (interference) 6:24, Doan Pho (cross-checking) 17:29.

## Second Period

3. Detroit, V.Filipula 1 (Hudler) 2:50

4. Phoenix, Schlemko 1 (Boedker, Turrissi) 11:43 (pp)

## Penalties

— Hanzal Pho (roughing) 3:12, Ab-

delaker Det (hooking) 9:50.

## Third Period

5. Detroit, Franzen 2 (Ericsson) 0:45

6. Phoenix, Whitney 1 (Vrbata, Yandle) 13:00 (pp)

## Penalties

— Belanger Pho (cross-checking) 1:03,

(Miller Det (slashing) 4:26, Doan Pho (holding) 8:12, Holmstrom Det (slashing) 12:06).

## Shots

Detroit 13 8 13 —34

Phoenix 9 12 9 —30

## Goal

— Detroit: Howard (W 3-0-0); Phoenix:

Bryzgalov (L,0-3-0). Power plays (goals-

chances) — Detroit: 0-4; Phoenix: 2-3.

Referees — Kevin Pollock, Chris Lee.

Linesmen — Shane Hever, Jonny Murray.

Att. — 17,130 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

## SCORING LEADERS

## G A PT

Fisher, Nash 3 2 5

D.Sedin, Vcr 3 2 5

Datsyuk, Det 2 3 5

Vrbata, Phx 2 3 5

Perry, Ana 1 4 5

Selanne, Ana 4 0 4

St. Louis, TB 3 1 4

Doan, Phx 2 2 4

Doughty, LA 2 2 4

Ovechkin, Wash 2 2 4

Brewer, TB 1 3 4

Cammalleri, Mtl 1 3 4

Getzlaf, Ana 1 3 4

Gagne, TB 0 4 4

Gragnani, Buf 0 4 4

H.Sedin, Vcr 0 4 4

Yandle, Phx 0 4 4

Asham, Pgh 2 1 3

Franzen, Det 2 1 3

S.Weber, Nash 2 1 3

Arnett, Wash 1 2 3

Ehrhoff, Vcr 1 2 3

Erat, Nash 1 2 3

Filipula, Det 1 2 3

Giroux, Pha 1 2 3

Holmstrom, Det 1 2 3

Timonen, Pha 1 2 3

Carle, Pha 0 3 3

Clowe, SJ 0 3 3

Green, Wash 0 3 3

Last night's games not included

## HOCKEY

## IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## GROUP A

## GP W OTW OTL L GF GA PT

U.S. 2 2 0 0 0 18 1 6

Sweden 2 2 0 0 0 10 1 6

Slovakia 2 0 0 0 2 0 8 0

Russia 2 0 0 0 2 2 20 0

## GROUP B

## GP W OTW OTL L GF GA PT

y-Canada 3 3 0 0 0 21 0 9

x-Switzerland 3 1 1 0 1 8 14 5

x-Finland 3 1 0 1 1 6 7 4

Kazakhstan 3 0 0 0 3 4 18 0

x-clinched quarter-final berth.

y-clinched semifinal berth.

Note: Three points for regulation win, two for overtime win and one for overtime loss.

## Yesterday's results

At Winterthur, Switzerland

Canada 2 Finland 0

Switzerland 6 Kazakhstan 1

## Monday's results

3. Detroit, V.Filipula 1 (Hudler) 2:50

4. Phoenix, Schlemko 1 (Boedker, Turrissi) 11:43 (pp)

## Penalties

— Hanzal Pho (roughing) 3:12, Ab-

delaker Det (hooking) 9:50.

## Third Period

5. Detroit, Franzen 2 (Ericsson) 0:45

6. Phoenix, Whitney 1 (Vrbata, Yandle) 13:00 (pp)

## Penalties

— Belanger Pho (cross-checking) 1:03,

END OF ROUND-ROBIN

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

## EAST DIVISION

## W L Pct GB

New York 9 6 .60 —

Toronto 8 9 .471 2

Tampa Bay 8 9 .471 2

Baltimore 7 9 .438 2/

Boston 5 10 .333 4

## CENTRAL DIVISION

## W L Pct GB

Cleveland 12 5 .706 —

Kansas City 11 6 .647 1

Detroit 8 9 .471 4

Chicago 7 10 .412 5

Minnesota 6 11 .353 6

## WEST DIVISION

## W L Pct GB

Texas 11 6 .647 —

Los Angeles 11 6 .647 —

Oakland 8 8 .500 1/

Seattle 5 12 .294 5/

## WEST DIVISION

## W L Pct GB

Colorado 12 5 .706 —

San Francisco 10 7 .588 2

Los Angeles 8 9 .471 4

Arizona 7 8 .467 4

San Diego 7 9 .438 4/

## WEST DIVISION

## W L Pct GB

San Francisco 6 Colorado 3

Houston 6 N.Y. Mets 1

Florida 6 Pittsburgh 0

Arizona 5 Cincinnati 4

Milwaukee 9 Philadelphia 0

San Diego 9 Chicago, pp.

Washington at St. Louis, pp.

Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers

## Monday's results

Boston 9 Toronto 1

Tampa Bay 5 Chicago White Sox 1

Minnesota 5 Baltimore 3

Texas 7 L.A. Angels 1

Cleveland 8 Seattle 3

Today's games

## All times Eastern

Boston (C.Buchholz 0-2) at Oakland (Bedard 0-3), 3:40 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-1) at Tampa Bay, 6:40 p.m.

Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

## SOCER

## ENGLAND

## PREMIER LEAGUE

Newcastle 0 Manchester United 0

## LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Burnley 3 Middlesbrough 1

## SCOTLAND

## PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee United 0, Rangers 4

## ITALY

## ITALIAN CUP

Semi-finals, First Leg

Roma 0, Inter Milan 1

## FRANCE

## FRENCH CUP

(Home teams listed first)

## Semi-finals

Nice 0, Lille 2

## NBA

## PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

## FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7 series)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago (1) vs. Indiana (8)

(Chicago leads 2-0)

## Monday's result

Chicago 96 Indiana 90

## Tomorrow's game

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.

## Saturday's game



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## Engine

While the Aveo's standard 108-horsepower four-cylinder engine typifies those found in this class, the Sonic roars to life with a 135-horsepower 1.6-litre four-cylinder, or optional 138-horsepower turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder. Since both powerplants also see service in the larger and heavier Chevrolet Cruze sedan, you can expect the little Sonic to be a lively performer along with delivering respectable fuel economy.

## Interior

Impressive design characteristics are featured in the Sonic's interior, where the dashboard and control panel exude an up-level quality rarely seen in the econo-car class.

An analog tachometer dominates the driver's field of vision, flanked by a rectangular screen displaying a digital speedometer, odometer and fuel gauge. Up-level models will offer two-tone dash and door-panel trim.

## Body styling

There's obviously a lot more North American flavour built into the Sonic's design that now features a stubbier-looking nose with a more prominent grille and fancier headlight pods.

In back, the sedan appears somewhat similar to the outgoing Aveo sedan, while the stylish hatchback does a good job at hiding the rear door latches adjacent to the roof pillar. Also, the Sonic features fancy taillamps that were apparently inspired by motorcycle headlights.

BASE PRICE:  
\$14,500



► From stem to stern, the Sonic is aggressively styled with beady eyeballs, embossed front-fender arches and a plunging beltline. However, the design cues are not that much different than other cars in the class such as the Mazda2 or the Ford Fiesta.

# Chevy hoping for Sonic boom

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You might have noticed the sudden flurry of small-car launches announced by many of the world's automakers.

You might have also noticed the steadily rising pump prices attributed to a certain oil-producing nation's strife.

This volatility is bad news for drivers of big, thirsty vehicles, but it's the perfect storm for General Motors, which will this fall launch the all-new Sonic series of sub-compacts.

The Sonic replaces the Korea-built Aveo that has served as the automaker's entry model since the 2004 model year. Like the Aveo, the Sonic will be offered in

both sedan and mini-wagon formats. However, unlike the Aveo, the Sonic will be constructed at GM's Orion, Mich. plant that was recently refitted to the tune of more than \$500 million.

The Sonic's late-2011 arrival bolsters Chevy's focus on the svelte end of the passenger-car scale. Prices will likely begin at about \$14,500 (including delivery charges), possibly slightly more for the hatchback version.

That should make for a super-Sonic buy in a class where automakers appear to be spending a lot more care and attention to detail than they were when gas was cheap and bigger was better. That's good news for buyers who are tired of fuel-price volatility and, up to now, had no real options.



► A look at the Sonic sedan.



► The Sonic looks the part of a mid-level sedan rather than an entry-level small car.

**9** Both Sonic body styles are larger than their outgoing Aveo counterparts by nearly nine centimetres in overall length and more than 7.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels. In the sub-compact class, these increases are significant and point to added front and rear passenger space.

## Sonic

What you should know about the 2012 Chevrolet Sonic:

- **Type:** Four-door sub-compact sedan/hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (135); 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (138).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (1.6); six-speed automatic (opt., 1.6); Six-speed manual (1.4 turbo).
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.6/5.3 (1.6, MT, est.).



### By comparison

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#### Mazda2

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# RETRO ELECTRO IS HOT ROD FIRST, ELECTRIC CAR SECOND

## Auto Pilot

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How do you maintain a cool, retro vibe with your vehicle fleet, when you're also trying to maintain a green vibe? Well, if you're the Steam Whistle Brewery, you create the Retro Electro — an all-electric 1958 Chevrolet Apache ½ ton pickup.

**R**etro Electro and the man behind it, Mike Kiraly, are usually tooling

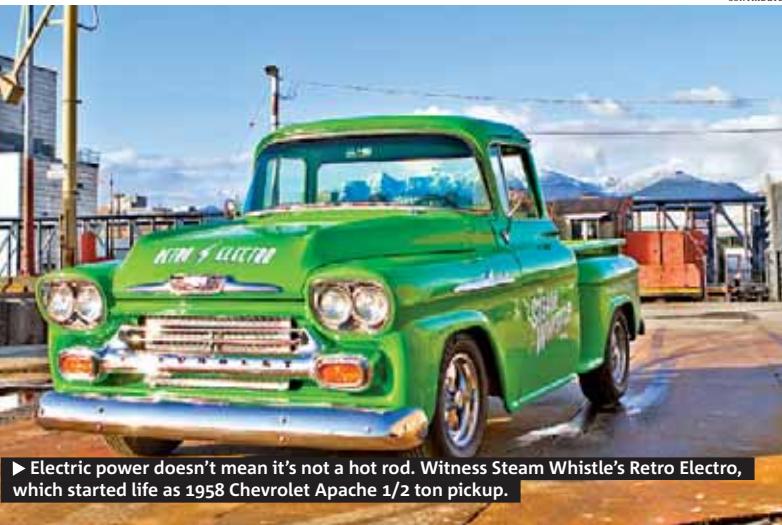
around the streets of Vancouver, checking in on Steam Whistle clients, but were in Toronto recently, to participate in last weekend's Green Living Show.

Kiraly let yours truly have a brief fling behind the wheel, which provoked a conflicted response. I didn't know whether to put my elbows out the window and light up a cigarette, or keep the windows up to conserve some electrical energy and compost the smoke.

Thankfully I don't smoke, so got over it quick, and just enjoyed the experience.

Not hard when you have 465 lb-ft of torque at your disposal. This is not an effete electric car, in the golf cart mode. It is a hot rod first, and an electric vehicle second. The Retro Electro launches like you would expect of something with that much grunt — aided by the absolutely linear torque curve of electric motors. And it does its thing in low volume — you only hear road noise and some gear whine.

And this is the "milder"



► Electric power doesn't mean it's not a hot rod. Witness Steam Whistle's Retro Electro, which started life as 1958 Chevrolet Apache ½ ton pickup.



► Configuring a lithium ion battery pack is not for the faint of heart. Good thing Steam Whistle's Mike Kiraly is also a university professor.

version of Retro Electro. An earlier version, with lower gearing, was capable of smoking its tires in dragster-like fashion.

Said motor is an Azure

Dynamics AC90 electric motor, which is often retrofitted in larger panel trucks. It gets its juice from a very sophisticated lithium ion battery pack. It

can be fully charged in eight hours on a 220V service, good for a range of about 150 kilometres.

To complete the green loop, Steam Whistle makes sure Retro Electro is always charged on renewable electricity from Bullfrog Power. In fact, the entire brewery only uses electricity from Bullfrog. Steam Whistle's other green initiatives include thicker beer bottles, which can be re-used more often, and running its delivery trucks with B20 bio fuel.

The electric drivetrain makes the vehicle about 500 pounds heavier than stock, and the batteries take up some cargo capaci-

## Website

► For more on Retro Electro, check out [steamwhistle.ca/retroelectro](http://steamwhistle.ca/retroelectro)

ty, so it has lost some of its trucky usefulness, but is more than capable of fulfilling its mandate as a Steam Whistle work truck.

Just to make sure, I turn to Kiraly, who is riding shotgun, and ask him again, "You drive this every day, as part of your job?"

"Yeah," says Kiraly. "Pretty lucky guy, eh?"

Kiraly is also a guy with several facets to his personality. He spends half his workday as Steam Whistle's manager in B.C., and the other half as university professor teaching anatomy and physiology. He has several degrees, including a PhD in Endocrinology.

Now he's learned quite a lot putting this vehicle together for Steam Whistle. His teachers were an A-list of Vancouver-based experts, including Greg Murray of Electric Autosports and Trevor Stoker of Azure Dynamics.

He's ready to build another electric hot-rod. Judging by Retro Electro, he may be on to something.

# The next-generation of alcohol detection

## DRIVING FORCE

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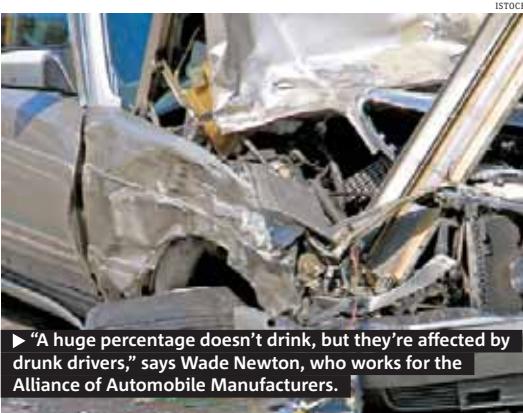
Few things are more deadly than drunk driving, but it's very difficult to prevent people from getting behind the wheel if they're not willing to police themselves.

One possible solution is DADSS (Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety), a cooperative research project by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and

ACTS, the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety.

The DADSS program is intended to research, develop and demonstrate non-invasive methods that quickly measure the driver's BAC, or blood alcohol concentration, each time the driver gets in. If the BAC is too high, the car won't start.

Unlike an ignition interlock, which requires the driver to blow into a breathalyzer and is often mandated by the courts for convicted drunk drivers, the DADSS system must work invisibly. Currently, researchers are looking at tissue spectrometry, which would estimate alcohol via the driver's skin when the vehicle's starter button is



► "A huge percentage doesn't drink, but they're affected by drunk drivers," says Wade Newton, who works for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

pushed, and at distant spectrometry, which would measure exhaled breath.

"There are tremendous challenges and most have to do with how complex a vehicle is itself," says Wade

Newton, director of communications for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which works with ACTS.

"It's 3,000 parts working together in all temperature

conditions, whether filled with passengers or empty, or maybe not maintained. The device and technology must work all the time."

Such technology, should it become feasible, could potentially be added to all new vehicles. For that reason, it must be invisible to the operator, Newton says.

"It can't inconvenience the sober driver," he says. "We need to be confident that it's not going to prevent a sober driver from operating the vehicle. A huge percentage doesn't drink, but they're affected by drunk drivers."

The research teams have a lot of work ahead.

The device must prevent the car from being started at precisely the legal limit

of .08 BAC, "and they could be .0799 when they start and a few minutes later they cross over, and how do you handle that?" Newton says.

"That's one of the as-yet unanswered questions."

The breath-based system must be able to pinpoint the driver and not an intoxicated passenger.

"Successful technology will be able to tell where the breath is, how warm it is, where it's coming from. It wouldn't just be ambient in the vehicle," Newton says.

Overcoming such complexity takes time, and researchers are hoping to demonstrate the technology in a research vehicle by 2013.



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# Building the heart of Godzilla

► The powerful V6 engine from the Nissan GT-R is assembled by the hands of elite, experienced workers trusted to build a powerful and reliable product

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Automotive enthusiasts agree that the Nissan GT-R, affectionately known as Godzilla, is one of the world's great supercars.

But did you know that the heart of Godzilla — and the reputation of a supercar — comes down to just one person?

Here at Nissan's giant Oppama plant, in a special room expressly built for this purpose, each one of the most technologically advanced and powerful engines ever offered by Nissan is assembled by a single technician.

Located about 50 kilometres southeast of Tokyo, this is not a glitzy high-tech

**530**

Once the GT-R's engines are certified as meeting specs — within three per cent of their 530-horsepower rating — they're carefully crated and sent off for the 160-km trip to the Tochigi factory to be transplanted into the body of the car.

facility, but a 5.6-million square-foot working plant that has produced more than 15 million vehicles since it opened nearly 50 years ago as Japan's first full-scale passenger vehicle.

Steadily upgraded over

the years, it is now one of the most automated in the world.

The massive complex is adjacent to the wharf from which Nissan ships vehicles made in all three of its Japanese plants around the world. It is also the home of a large proving ground and Nissan's Global Training and Research Centers, all of which play a role in the GT-R program. A number of engines are built here, but a specific area has been allocated for the VR38DETT as the GT-R engine is known within these four walls.

As the company's performance and technology flagship, the GT-R carries significant importance and demands the most highly-



► Thanks to 530 horsepower, the 3.6-litre V6 makes the Nissan GT-R one of the quickest cars to 100 km/h from a standing start. For its reasonable price, the GT-R really has no equal.

trained and experienced workers to build its engine.

Those selected for this honour, instantly move to the top of the hierarchy among the 4,500 people working here. By tapping into a worker pool rich with seasoned and skilled technicians who have spent years in engine assembly, Nissan is able to

select individuals with the necessary skills and a strong sense of pride.

The all-new all-alloy engine was designed especially for the GT-R. It is a technological tour-de-force employing a variety of lessons learned in racing programs. That includes a special cylinder-wall coating to promote piston-ring

sealing and reduce wear under the extreme pressures endured by this turbocharged monster.

Up to 26 of these potent 530-horsepower engines are produced here in a day, every one of the twin-turbocharged 3.8-litre V6s assembled by a single technician from start to finish.

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# Prep your bike for springtime

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As our days slowly warm up, motorcycle owners are getting their wheels out of hibernation.

But before revving the engine, it's important that bikers take some time to get their motorcycles ready for the new season.

Preparing your bike is not only important from a maintenance perspective, but also to make sure that riding doesn't get too rough on the wallet.

“By asking the right questions and carefully bringing your bike out of storage, motorcycle owners will have a much greater chance of a safe and trou-

ble-free 2011 motorcycle season,” said Mauro Convertini, an insurance expert from Aviva Canada.

Before you head out onto the highway, here are a couple of preparations that Convertini suggests you take:

#### Test your equipment

Reinstall the battery and examine all fluid levels. Check for cracked tires, broken parts or leaking oil. Set the tire pressures back to riding specs.

#### Take it slow

Your skills will be rusty and road surfaces will be differ-

ent than your last ride. Sand and salt deposits on the edge and corners of the roads may be hazardous.

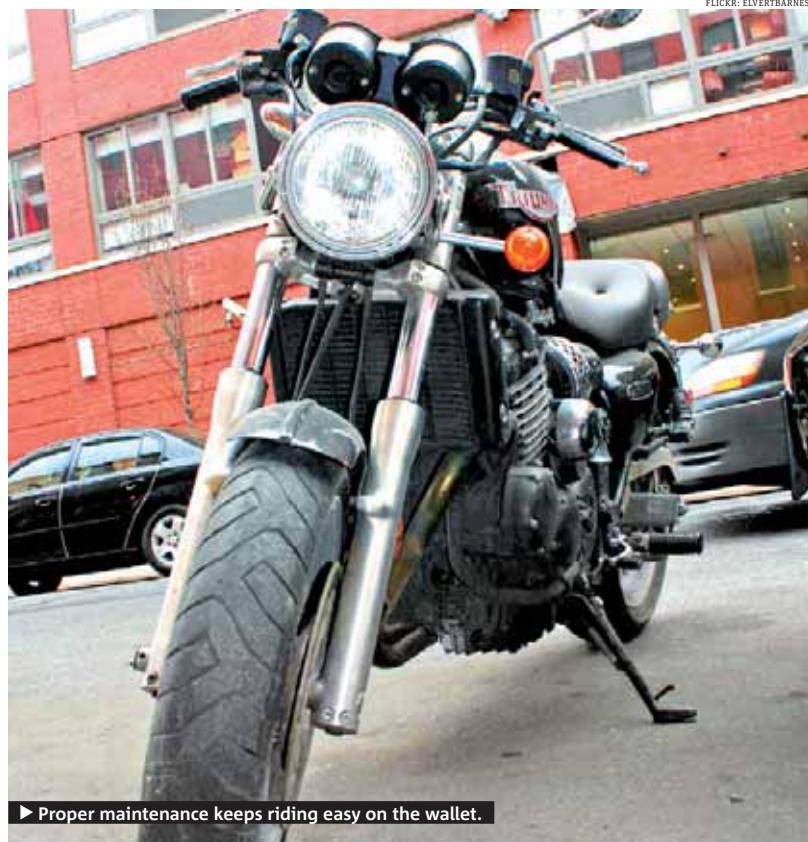
#### Install an anti-theft device

There are a range of anti-theft devices designed for motorcycles and some insurance companies will offer you a discount if you install an approved one.

#### Check your insurance

Follow up with your insurance broker to ensure you have comprehensive coverage. Ask about discounts for bikers with safe driving records.

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# An Alluring luxury on a budget

► Buick Allure offered comfortable ride, relatively good reliability

## SECOND GEAR

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Buick's volume-selling luxury model was called the Allure in Canada when it replaced the Regal and Century for the 2005 model year.

Elsewhere it was known as the LaCrosse — a word which many French Canadians know as an unfavourable slang with various meanings.

Whatever it was called, the Allure offered up value-priced luxury in typical Buick fashion. This was no Mercedes or BMW, but for not a whole lot of money, the Allure offered drivers

plenty of space, comfort and relaxation.

Look for this sedan with several engine options and trim levels to match a variety of needs. CX and CXL were low and mid-range models, respectively, and powered by GM's staple 3.8-litre V6 engine. Top-line CXS models got a newer 3.6-litre, 240-horsepower mill. This was canned for 2008, and a 5.3-litre, 300-horsepower V8 became available on the high-performance Allure Super.

Four speed automatics and front-wheel drive were



► 2005 Buick Allure CXS

standard on all models.

### What Owners Like

Typically, Allure owners say decent levels of performance, relatively good fuel economy, comfort and styling drew them in for a test-drive, while a decent price and overall value helped seal the deal.

Other owners note a safe and sturdy feel to the Al-

lure's highway drive.

### What Owners Hate

Some owners wish for a softer suspension, noting that the Allure doesn't "ride on a cloud" and transmits a fair bit of road feel back into the car. Ditto for road noise. Other owners complain of tight rear-seat quarters, and wish for the enhanced performance and

fuel economy that could have been provided by a six-speed automatic.

### Common Issues

Hitting the road for a test-drive? Certain Allure models were affected by an issue with the intermediate shaft — a part related to the steering system. Buick mechanics should be familiar with the issue if the model

you're driving "pulls" to either side or makes any unwelcomed clunking or popping noises. A full check of the front end and brakes for premature part wear is also advised.

Have the model checked for coolant leaks, too. Some owners have reported a mysterious coolant leak on their Allures, which could be caused by bad engine gaskets or hoses used by the cooling system.

Double check for proper operation of the remote locks and start, if so equipped.

Finally, be sure to inspect the paint for signs of premature wear or peeling clearcoat, and note any excessive squeaking or rattling in the interior.

### The Verdict

For luxury on a budget, the Allure seems to have delivered — just mind the front end and be weary of coolant leaks.

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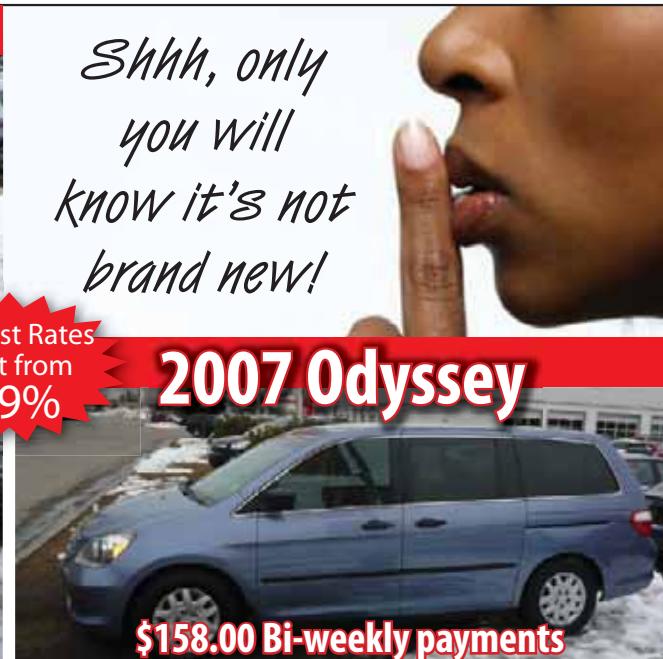


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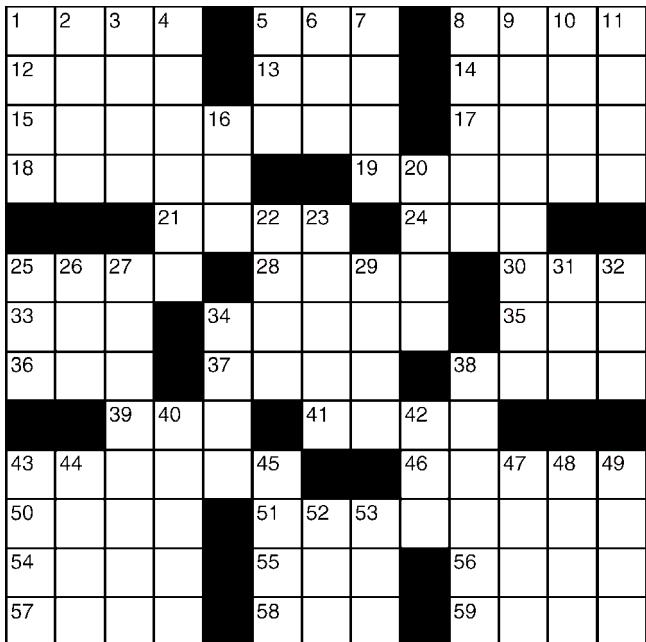
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**Across**

1 Postal deliveries  
5 Condiions  
8 H.S. juniors' hurdle  
12 — dixit  
13 Commotion  
14 Heche or Hathaway  
15 Winter weather occurrence  
17 — -tat-tat  
18 Old saying  
19 Laundry repository  
21 8-Across, e.g.  
24 Taxi  
25 Socialist Eugene  
28 Layer  
30 Curvy letter  
33 Exist  
34 Courage  
35 "Eureka!"  
36 Lingerie item  
37 Mimic  
38 From the start  
39 "Platoon" site, for short  
41 Transaction  
43 Oft-tapped trees  
46 Low operatic voice  
50 "American —"  
51 Directing principle  
54 Red tag event  
55 Whatever amount  
56 Welles portrayal  
57 Portent  
58 Golf gizmo  
59 Favorable votes

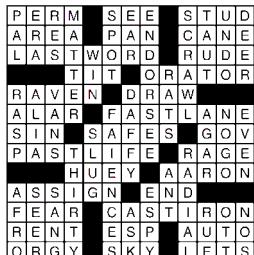
**Down**

1 Isinglass  
2 Two peas in —  
3 Actress Fisher  
4 Sills  
5 Writer Fleming  
6 Rx overseer  
7 Second-year student



8 Italian city  
9 Long-pod veggie  
10 Initial chip  
11 Rend  
16 Gender  
20 Farm fraction  
22 On  
23 Hetero-geneous  
25 Light touch  
26 Mess up  
27 Tall, thin type  
29 Hibernia  
31 That girl  
32 Recent horror film  
franchise  
34 Auntie of Broadway

## ► Yesterday's answer



## Today's horoscope



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**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 You may be tempted to go on a spree but you should keep your wallet in your pocket.

**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 Start looking ahead to all the glorious things coming your way.

**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 Look for the good in what other people do, and praise them for it at every chance.

**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 You've been too caught up in your work of late. It's time to take a less demanding path.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 An issue that has been causing you pain can easily be dealt with today.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Get away from your usual environment. Do something different and exciting.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Family and friends will do whatever they can to help you out of a tricky situation today.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Relationship misunderstandings are a fact of life. It is how you deal with them that matters.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If someone makes you an offer that requires a lot of effort, turn it down. You'll survive.

**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What's your number one dream? Make it your priority.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want to persuade people, you will need to appeal to them on an emotional level.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 If you're holding back from letting others know what you believe, stop it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's answer ►



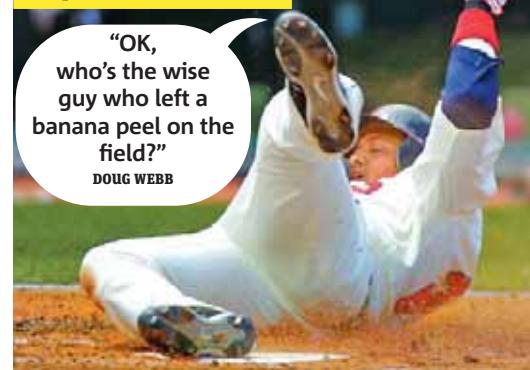
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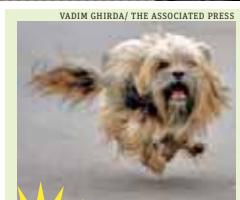
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